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"I encourage you to hold onto your ambitions, even if you have to make some changes in your plans," S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55 told the Class of 2011 at Brooklyn's commencement in May. "I hope your liberal arts education has been broad enough to allow you to move in different directions, some of which may be new careers that have not yet emerged. This will require determination, flexibility and courage. Qualities we believe you possess and will carry with you."

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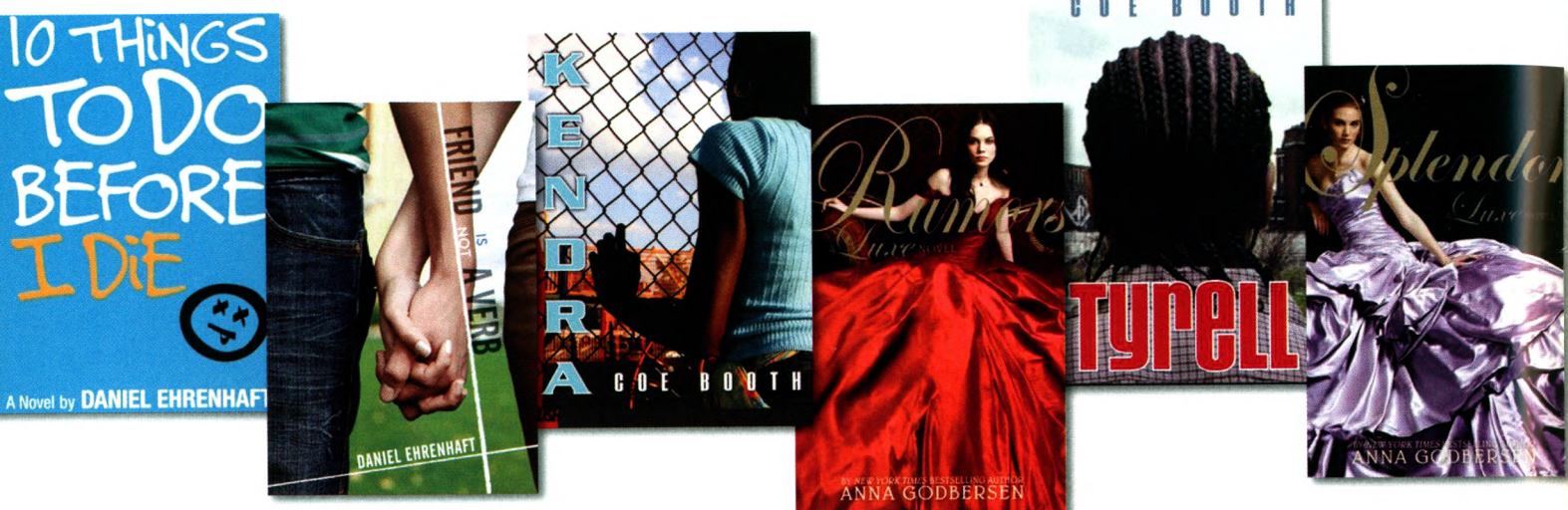
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Authors Unlimited

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St. Joseph's Long Island Campus rolled out the red carpet — literally — to welcome 12 of today's most popular writers of young adult literature for Authors Unlimited on Saturday, April 30.

More than 200 young readers from across Long Island, Queens and New Jersey flocked to the John A. Danzi Athletic Center for the all-day festival, which connected students in grades five through 12 with their favorite authors and illustrators. The event comprised a book sale, panel discussion, individual breakout sessions and book signings.

Authors Unlimited was the first collaboration between St. Joseph's and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. In August 2010, Sheila Doherty '08, now the head of young adult services at the Smithtown Library, reached out to S. Mary Ann Cashin, C.S.J., with a proposal for the College to host a teen author expo.

"St. Joseph's College is the first choice for the event because it is a beautiful campus which is at a perfect location for all Suffolk County towns to attend," Ms. Doherty wrote in an email.

S. Mary Ann, chair of the Department of Child Study, immediately jumped at the opportunity. With encouragement from the College administration, she and S. Karen Donohue, C.S.J., assistant dean of academic affairs, joined the Authors Unlimited Committee, along with representatives from several Suffolk County libraries and St. John's University. The committee began preparations last summer as its members toured the campus and met with cafeteria, bookstore and security staff to ensure their support. Members of the St. Joseph's College Service Circle also volunteered to help organize the event and act as guides.

The festivities kicked off at 10:45 a.m. when the guests of honor made their grand entrance. Arriving by limousine, the authors were greeted by a marching band and posed for photos on the red carpet.

Among the best-selling and award-winning writers in attendance were Bronx native Coe Booth, author of *Tyrell* and *Kendra*; Daniel Ehrenhaft (a.k.a. Daniel Parker, Erin Haft), author of *Friend is Not a Verb* and *Ten Things to Do Before I Die*; Anna Godbersen, author of *The New York Times* best-selling *The Luxe* series; and Queens native Rita Williams-Garcia, who is known for her realistic portrayal of teens of color.

Following the hourlong panel discussion, the authors adjourned to separate classrooms in O'Connor Hall to take part in a series of intimate chats with smaller groups of fans.

The event wrapped up with an afternoon book-signing session, though many of the authors stayed well past the scheduled conclusion to ensure that every student who wanted one received an autograph. ■

The Authors Unlimited Lineup:

- Coe Booth
- Daniel Ehrenhaft
- Adam Gidwitz
- Anna Godbersen
- Tonya Hurley
- Robert Lipsyte
- Jim McCann (with illustrator Janet Lee)
- George O'Connor
- Tricia Rayburn
- Alyssa Sheinmel
- Rita Williams-Garcia
- Maryrose Wood

Help Shape the Class of 2016

As a St. Joseph's graduate, you can play an important role in shaping the Class of 2016 by participating in a new alumni referral program launched by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The program was created to enlist the aid of SJC alumni and friends in identifying prospective undergraduate students. Long Island and Brooklyn are home to a large number of very talented college-bound students, many of whom may not be aware that they have a top-notch private college — offering impressive

academic and student life opportunities — right in their own backyards.

Your help is needed. St. Joseph's alumni are invited to participate in this new referral initiative. Simply visit www.sjcny.edu/alumni and fill out a student recommendation form. The Office of Admissions will follow up by sending these students information about the College.

For more information, contact Joseph Benkert at 631.687.4508 or jbenkert@sjcny.edu. ■

92nd Commencement Salutes 2011 Graduates

by Claudia Mirzaali • cmirzaali@sjcny.edu



Robert Amdler

A common theme echoed throughout the 92nd Commencement ceremonies in Brooklyn and Long Island, and the keywords were “challenge” and “responsibility.”

The Class of 2011 was challenged to take its education and make a difference in the world. It was challenged to not rest on laurels, but take what it believed in and put it into practice, as well as to take its skills and become responsible for its society.

There were 1,447 degrees conferred

as the College issued that very challenge. Addressing Brooklyn graduates on May 28 was outgoing SJC Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55, who received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree. Dr. Shaun McKay, president of Suffolk County Community College, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree as he addressed the Long Island graduates on May 31.

The advice of SJC President S.

Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., was to: “Use your God-given talents, strengthened and enriched by your education, and put them to work for the good of others.”

Receiving valedictory honors were Khaing Win (Brooklyn Arts and Sciences), Michael Robinson (Brooklyn School of Professional and Graduates Studies), Allison Anziano (Long Island Arts and Sciences) and Paul Wasser (Long Island Professional and Graduate Studies). ■

A NEW DEAN, A NEW ERA



Robert Ansler

Brooklyn Welcomes Dr. Richard Greenwald by Chris Gasiewski

In late March, Richard A. Greenwald, Ph.D., keynoted the National Remembrance Conference for the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

Just a week later, St. Joseph's announced that he would lead the Brooklyn Campus School of Arts and Sciences, bringing him aboard as academic dean.

He replaced S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., who stepped down in June after holding the position since 1987. S. Margaret is still teaching in the education department in Brooklyn.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Richard Greenwald is joining the SJC community," President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. said. "He brings a commitment to the liberal arts, which is the underpinning of our curriculum, as well as experience as a dean."

Dr. Greenwald, who will also give the Founders Day lecture at the Brooklyn Campus on October 17, is a historian, author, professor and social critic who brings a wealth of knowledge to Clinton Hill. He most recently served as dean of the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, as well as director of University Partnerships and the founding director of the Business, Society and Culture Program at Drew University in New Jersey.

Mostly, Dr. Greenwald's scholarly work has dealt with the connection between business and American politics. He received a Ph.D. in American History from New York University and has been published in both scholarly and pop-

ular journals, newspapers and magazines.

His story about the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Fire — which killed 147 people and is considered one of the worst industrial catastrophies in U.S. history — was nationally syndicated. It was also the subject of his most recent book, *The Triangle Fire, the Protocols of Peace, and Industrial Democracy in Progressive Era New York* (2005). His work has also been published in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Businessweek*, and he writes regularly for *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed*.

Dr. Greenwald has testified as an expert witness on workplace issues in federal court and is the senior editor of the book series *Work in the Americas*, published by University Press of Florida.

The social historian of modern America was also co-editor of *Sweatshop USA: The American Sweatshop in Historical and Global Progressive Era New York* in 2003 and is currently working on two books — *Labor's Day: The Past, Present & Future of Work in America* and *The Death of 9-5: Permanent Freelancers, Empty Offices and the New Way America Works*.

He lives with his wife, Debbie, and their two children in Queens.

"I am sure that he will be a wonderful leader of the Brooklyn Campus, and a valued colleague for everyone at the College," S. Elizabeth said. "I am looking forward to working with him." ■



Back in April, the Long Island Campus hosted Alina Fernandez Revuelta, Fidel Castro's illegitimate daughter and outspoken critic of her father's communist regime in Cuba. Here are a few tweets from her talk, which reviewed growing up in Cuba to her current feelings on her father's influence around the world.



"I was able to escape my own country in 1993. Everything began with something called revolution."

"Life was gracious until that day that I remember too well. January 1, 1959 — the triumph of the Revolution in Cuba."

"In those days Fidel Castro would jump from the TV screen to the living room (snaps fingers) like that."

"The first institution destroyed in my country was family."

"Who needed more of Fidel Castro? He was overwhelming. He was on TV for more than nine hours."

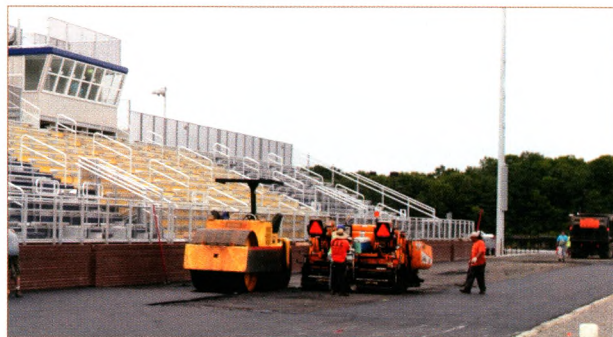
"By the time I was nine years old, I was told that the night visitor was my real father. I was not surprised."

"I joined the dissident movement in 1989. It became a dictatorship when the state owned your personal life."

"You are told that there is no food and no electricity because of Americans."

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L.I. Athletic Complex and Brooklyn Gym Update



Robert Ansler

Long Island

Construction continues on the Long Island Campus' new athletic complex, scheduled to be completed this spring.

Located approximately one mile east of the campus, off the Sunrise Highway south service road, the 24.8-acre complex will be home to the Golden Eagles' outdoor athletic teams, and will feature state-of-the-art amenities, including an illuminated 400-meter all-weather track with a synthetic multipurpose infield; illuminated baseball and softball fields with dugouts; an illuminated tennis court; a combined soccer/lacrosse field; trails for jogging and nature walks; a 1,500-seat capacity bleachers with a press box and scoreboard; a facilities building with restrooms, lockers, offices, storage and a concession stand; and parking for 175.

Brooklyn

The rapidly growing athletic program in Brooklyn will also be getting a new athletic complex to replace the existing gym in the basement of Tuohy Hall. The College expects to break ground for the new building this year.

Early plans for the Brooklyn gym call for a three-story, 26,000-square-foot tiered structure that will be erected on the site of the student parking lot on Vanderbilt Avenue, directly across from the Dillon Child Study Center. A 90-car basement garage with valet services will replace the lost parking spaces.

The gym will be the home court and training facility for the Bears' indoor teams, and will house a three-bleacher, 270-spectator NCAA-regulation basketball/volleyball court, as well as SJC and visitor locker rooms.

After a two-year exploratory period and four-year provisional process, the Brooklyn Athletics Department was granted full NCAA Division III membership effective September 1.

Read more about the new Brooklyn gym in the fall 2010 issue of *St. Joseph's College Magazine*, available online at www.sjcny.edu/magazine/fall-2010.

Ambassador Joseph Wilson Selected for Presidential Lecture *by Chris Gasiewski*



He stared down Saddam Hussein, and he investigated the validity of Niger's supposed sale of uranium ore to Iraq.

Finding no truth to the sale, he later became a highly vocal critic of the Bush administration. And, as a result, his wife's constitutional rights were violated.

Joseph C. Wilson IV, a former U.S. ambassador who served in the Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations, will give the College's eighth annual Presidential Lecture on October 12. He will speak at the Brooklyn Campus during Common Hour in the Tuohy Hall Auditorium and in the L.I. Campus' D'Ecclesiis Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson first made headlines in 1991 when he challenged Mr. Hussein to take action after Mr. Wilson provided a home for about 100 U.S. citizens in Iraq at a time when the former dictator threatened to execute them. He mocked Mr. Hussein after the standoff, wearing a noose instead of a neck-

tie during a press conference.

Mr. Wilson, a recipient of the Department of Defense Distinguished Service Award and the Department of State Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, was again in the news a decade later, and his voice was heard publicly.

He was asked by Vice President Dick Cheney to investigate intelligence that Iraq purchased uranium ore from Niger to build weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Wilson concluded the sale was false, but President George W. Bush acknowledged the sale in his 2003 State of the Union Address, resulting in Mr. Wilson's op-ed piece that openly challenged the war in *The New York Times* in July 2003.

Just a week later, a syndicated newspaper columnist used White House sources to reveal that Valerie Plame, Mr. Wilson's wife, was a weapons of mass destruction specialist for the CIA.

It's a crime to reveal the name of a CIA operative, and it set off a political firestorm in Washington, D.C., eventually leading to the perjury conviction of Mr. Cheney's Chief of Staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, in March 2007.

Since then, Ms. Plame forfeited her career with the CIA, though she and Mr. Wilson were still visible in the capital. He chronicled his experience in the 2004 release of *The Politics of Truth* and she released *Fair Game*, her memoir that eventually turned into a 2010 film featuring Naomi Watts and Sean Penn.

The two now live in Santa Fe, New Mexico, with their twin children, Trevor and Samantha. ■

Health Care Adds Medical Technology Degree

The extensive stable of health care programs offered by St. Joseph's College has grown significantly in recent years. The latest addition is the new B.S. in Medical Technology, which is now being offered at both the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses this semester.

The medical technology program, also known as clinical laboratory science, consists of three years of course work and one year of clinical training at New York Methodist Hospital's School of Medical Technology, a member of the New York-Presbyterian Healthcare System, an affiliate of Weill Cornell Medical College. Accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), the program prepares students for careers as medical technologists in clinical laboratory settings. Stu-

dents also become eligible to work in five major areas: blood banking, chemistry, hematology, immunology and microbiology.

"This new program is a wonderful addition to the St. Joseph's College curriculum," said Dr. Frank Antonawich, professor and chair of SJC's Department of Biology. "It will allow students who are interested in a career in health care another avenue in which to achieve their goal."

Students who complete the program receive a bachelor's from the College, as well as a certificate from the School of Medical Technology. Students will also become eligible for licensure in New York State, and may sit for the examination administered by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). ■

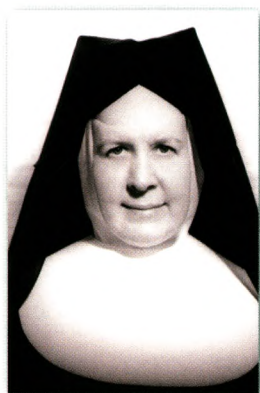
A Voice for Peace

The Rev. John Dear, S.J., presented his lecture, "The Beatitudes and Nonviolence," at the Long Island Campus' McGann Conference Center on April 7. The Jesuit priest, an internationally known voice for peace and nonviolence, was this year's recipient of the College's annual *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award. Nominated for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Father Dear has written and edited more than 25 books, including his 2008 autobiography, *A Persistent Peace: One Man's Struggle for a Nonviolent World*.



Robert Ameller

SJC Mourns the Loss of S. Mary Corde Tymann by Chris Gasiewski



For more than a half century, S. Mary Corde Tymann, C.S.J., '39, was a staple in the Brooklyn Campus physics department. She watched the department, and College, enjoy major growth.

In April 2011, more than a decade since she retired, S. Mary Corde passed away after a long illness. Her impressionable mark is still felt at the College and by her former students and those who were close to her.

"Her many students remember her as an excellent teacher, who kept ahead of developments in the field by attending many [National Science Foundation] summer workshops throughout the country, and who could explain complex concepts with clarity and insight," SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., said of S. Mary Corde's career at the College, which spanned from 1943 to 1996. "Chemistry and biology majors who went on for graduate study felt that they were very well prepared to handle the challenges of advanced study because of the excellent foundation she had provided them."

After earning a bachelor's in mathematics and a master's from Columbia, S. Mary Corde entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on September 8, 1940. She initially taught math at The Mary

Louis Academy before joining the SJC faculty.

But when the College needed a physics teacher, S. Mary Corde jumped at the opportunity and earned an undergraduate degree and a subsequent master's from New York University.

According to the Sisters of St. Joseph website, S. Mary Corde had a reputation for being a remarkably clear, well-organized teacher, and she was a model of both scientific progress and Christian and humanistic ideals.

In her convent life, the website said, "she was multitalented ... a skillful seamstress, expert flower arranger, baker of wonderful stollen at Christmastime and the best turkey carver in the house. She also was a jazz pianist who had won a prize as a youngster and also won a prize for dancing." ■



Empowering Women: Sheryl WuDunn to Speak at SJC



Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide was highly praised for its investigation into the inspiring bravery that women in developing nations have displayed after being subjected to many social injustices. The book, which has been featured on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *The Colbert Report*, among other programs, serves as a resource

and is an exploration into the challenges women face globally, as well as the changes that can be made with the assistance of outside sources. *Half the Sky* was also taken online as an effective philanthropic strategy that includes a social-action campaign, documentary series and a TV special.

Sheryl WuDunn co-authored the novel with her husband, Nicholas Kristof. She will speak to the Long Island Campus on October 27. The event, sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the D'Eoclesiis Auditorium.

"It's tremendously exciting," said Dr. Paul Ginnetty, director of the institute. "She and her husband just have done amazing work. Their intimate knowledge of many

cultures and societies in the world, as well as the plight of women in developing countries, I have tremendous admiration for their courage."

Ms. WuDunn, a best-selling author, business executive and lecturer, is no stranger to immersing herself in global issues. She became the first Asian-American reporter to win the Pulitzer Prize for her and Mr. Kristof's coverage of the Tiananmen Square protests in *The New York Times*. She since worked at the *Times* as a foreign correspondent in Tokyo and Beijing, as editor for international markets, energy and industry, and the company's first anchor of an evening news headlines program for a digital cable TV channel, the Discovery-Times.

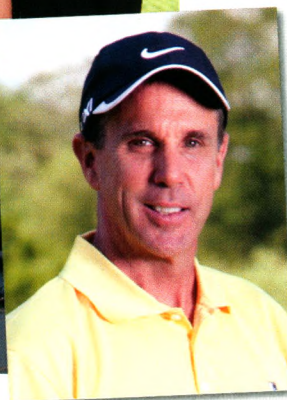
She is currently a senior managing director at Mid-Market Securities, an investment-banking boutique that serves growth companies in the middle market, including companies founded and run by women. Ms. WuDunn is also president of TripleEdge, a social-investing consultancy, and she will be a senior fellow at Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs.

Along with the Pulitzer, Ms. WuDunn has received the Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Lifetime Achievement, the George Polk and the Overseas Press Club awards. The White House Project, a nonpartisan organization seeking to advance women's leadership, honored her for *Half the Sky* in 2010. Ms. WuDunn is also a judge for the U.S. State Department Secretary's Innovation Award for Women's and Girls' Empowerment. ■

2011 SJC Golf Classic



Robert Amisler



St. Joseph's President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., congratulates Michael E. Ryan (inset), president of the LandTekGroup Inc., at the annual SJC Golf Classic, held at the Plandome Country Club on June 6. S. Elizabeth and Mr. Ryan are joined by the four winners of the 2011 Outstading Student-Athlete Award: Charles Essig '11 (Long Island), Caitlyn Kakavas '12 (Brooklyn), Kathleen Lamb '11 (Long Island) and Jon Matzelle '11 (Brooklyn).

Developing a New Core Curriculum

by Michael J. Hanophy, Ph.D.



For more than 90 years, a St. Joseph's College education has been characterized by extensive preparation in a major program of study complemented by a core curriculum of courses in the liberal arts and sciences. That core provided exposure to all areas of human knowledge and culture as to broaden students' perspectives and prepare them to deal with a complex, diverse and ever-changing world.

Since the early 1970s, the College's general education program has remained virtually unchanged, but the core still prepared thousands of graduates to develop their full potential and encouraged them to acquire a spirit of inquiry and a joy in learning. After 40 years, the faculty and administration realized that it was time to reassess that core curriculum to ensure that it served today's students as it served the generations before them. The new core was unveiled for the fall 2011 semester, the result of four years of dedication, patience and thorough research.

A Curriculum Committee was formed in fall 2007 to provide guidance and oversight in the development and review of courses, programs and academic policies. At about the same time,

a self-study, done as part of Middle States accreditation, recommended a review and possible revision of the College's general education requirements. One of the first jobs was to initiate this review process, ensuring that a new core would continue to develop the mission and goals of the College, meet students' needs, and provide a strong academic and value-oriented education rooted in the College's liberal arts tradition.

To prepare, several faculty teams attended conferences focused on current trends in general education and met with representatives of other colleges to discuss programs that their institutions had developed. The committee also created faculty surveys and ran focus groups to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the old core, to assess a number of different curriculum models used in other colleges and to assist in developing an appropriate direction for the core revision. Many faculty agreed that while the old core had certainly provided students with the breadth and balance essential to a liberal education, students did not always see the connections among individual academic disciplines, between the liberal arts and their career preparation, or between the academic world and the global society they would be entering.

In spring 2009, committee members met for a daylong retreat to develop several general education models for faculty consideration. After several months of review and discussion, one model was chosen. Committee members, with the help of more than 40 additional faculty on six subcommittees, worked out the details of the new core areas, writing descriptors and outcomes for each category. During this past academic year, the faculty overwhelmingly approved the implementation of the new core.

The new core retains a course distribution similar to the old core. However,

rather than grouping courses into disciplinary areas such as humanities, mathematics and science, and the social sciences, the new core comprises five thematic areas: quest for meaning; human expression; self and society; global awareness; and the mathematical, physical and natural world. Each area may contain courses from a variety of fields, stressing how academic disciplines inform, support and connect to each other. As new courses are developed for the thematic areas, they will likely be more interdisciplinary in nature.

A new feature of the core is the inclusion of five integrated learning areas, which are designed to build intellectual skills and abilities (writing intensive and technology integrated); to enhance the connections among and between the various academic disciplines and cocurricular life (learning communities, and service and experiential learning); and to foster an environment of openness to the exploration and understanding of diverse ideas, traditions and cultures (diversity integrated). The experiences in the integrated learning areas can be fulfilled by courses in the thematic area or the major itself. In some cases, it can even be satisfied by cocurricular activities.

With the start of this academic year, incoming freshmen will be the first to experience the new core. This is an exciting time as we embark on this new plan for general education that stresses connections linking the academic disciplines to each other and to the world beyond college. SJC will also continue to focus on its goal of offering curricula that foster the knowledge and intellectual skills associated with the liberally educated person, a goal that has motivated and inspired our faculty since the College's founding in 1916.

Dr. Hanophy is a professor of biology and Curriculum Committee chair.



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In the 95 years since its founding, St. Joseph's College has graduated tens of thousands of students, from the 14 members of the inaugural Class of 1920 to the most recent Class of 2011, more than 1,400 strong.

These generations of alumni embody the spirit of St. Joseph's motto, *Esse non videri* — "To be, not to seem" — and carry the torch for the generations of students to follow. Above all, each and every student who graduates from SJC remains a valued part of the St. Joseph's College family. And the College is committed not only to maintaining a relationship with its student, both past and present, but also to cultivating alumni leaders who will proudly represent SJC for decades to come.

Part of the College's mission is to prepare each student for a life characterized by integrity, intellectual and spiritual values, social responsibility and service. That preparation does not end once a diploma is conferred. Graduation is not a finish line, but rather a turning point in a mutually beneficial, long-term relationship. The primary vehicles for fostering that relationship are the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations.

A diverse and ever-growing group, the Alumni Association serves as a link between the College and its family of former students, all of whom become members automatically upon graduation. In conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations, it sponsors programs and special events, including lectures, career networking nights and class reunions, and also provides scholarship assistance to relatives of alumni.

The Office of Alumni Relations identifies and engages

more than 30,000 SJC graduates by creating opportunities for them to participate in the life of St. Joseph's College.

Though a thriving alumni community is important for any college or university, St. Joseph's places significant emphasis on providing programs and services to its graduates. In other words, alumni should ask not only what they can do for the College, but also what the College can do for them.

Beyond the many popular reunions, lectures, social functions and networking events, alumni are encouraged to take advantage of SJC's career services and alumni mentoring programs. These keystone programs, which have grown steadily since their inception only a few years ago, are an integral part of the College's effort to engage its graduates and cultivate future alumni leaders.

"It's been an exhilarating experience to oversee the expansion of these vital new programs," said Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69, associate vice president of alumni relations and stewardship.

"The alumni team on both campuses endeavors to maintain meaningful connections with our graduates through our mentoring, networking and career services programs. We want to give our alumni as much support as possible so they can achieve their career goals."

Alumni Career Services

Whether you're searching for your first job out of college, considering a career change or navigating through the slumping job market, Alumni Career Services is available to help alumni refine their skills and gain the knowledge that they need to succeed.

The Office of Alumni Relations offers a wealth of free career resources including assistance with résumé writing, cover letters, networking, career decision-making and job search strategizing. From fall 2009 through June 2011, 214 alumni had received counseling services, not including the many alumni who attend career service-related events.

On the Long Island Campus, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Catherine Rapisardi Vitucci '04 has worked as a career counselor since November 2009. With a master's degree in school counseling from Long Island University, she is well suited to offer the kind of personalized service that has become a hallmark of the program.

"There is a rapport right away that just happens when they know you're a counselor," Ms. Vitucci explained.

"A lot of people don't know where to start on their job hunt. They don't know how to research, they don't know what's out there for them, and part of my job is guiding them through the process — not really doing the work for them, but being there if they have any questions or if they need something, and I give them a jump start."

Ms. Vitucci, who counsels alumni from both Brooklyn and Long Island, works closely with the Alumni Association and the Office of Career Development, Wellness and Disability Services to identify and reach out to alumni of all ages, offering both one-on-one assistance and group activities, including monthly networking events.

"It can be frustrating when someone's trying to find a job and they can't, and they have a house and they have a family," she said.

"There are all different types of people that I meet with — some people right out of college that just want to start their career, and some people who lost their jobs.

"I offer them the résumé and cover letter review, thank you letter review, I talk to them a lit-

tle about having a working résumé. ... We do mock interviews ... because a lot of people are rusty or have never been through it before. ... Maybe I'll have a colleague sit in on a mock interview just to give it a more real feel, but it's a safe setting because it's just me."

Alternative career paths are often discussed, and the program is in the process of incorporating the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) assessment into its repertoire. MBTI is a questionnaire designed to identify personality types through the identification of basic preferences, and is often useful in career choice and development.

Many of the career services resources are available online through the Alumni Career Corner blog (careercorner.sjcny.edu), which offers helpful hints, a menu of service offerings and an Ask Career Corner feature.

The blog also provides a link to Optimal Résumé, a free tool that allows users to create, maintain and share their professional credentials online. More than 80 SJC alumni have already signed up for this service.

"I think it's a great service to provide," Ms. Vitucci said of the career services programs. "A lot of colleges and universities actually charge their alumni to come in for career development and we don't charge, it's free."

Alumni from both campuses can inquire about upcoming events and workshops or schedule individual appointments, by contacting Ms. Vitucci at 631.678.2654 or cvitucci@sjcny.edu.

Alumni Mentoring Program

Though distinct from Career Services, the Alumni Mentoring Program (A.M.P.) is inextricably linked. The two programs work hand in hand, each one supplementing the services provided by the other.

Through A.M.P., St. Joseph's College Alumni have the opportunity to mentor recent graduates and current SJC students. Mentors offer advice, insight and information on their chosen professions.

Mentoring Program

mentor - mentee

advice

moral support

career paths

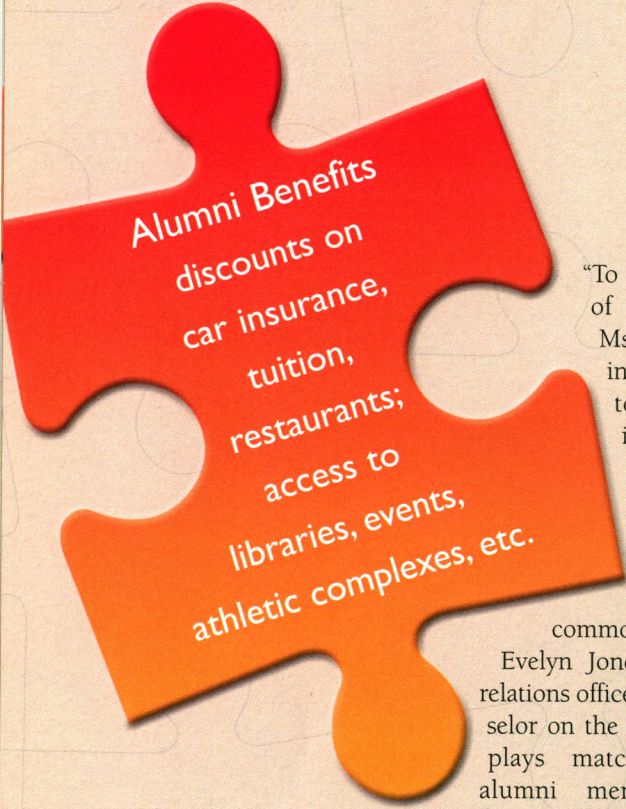
Career Services

job search strategizing

networking

résumé writing

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Alumni Benefits
discounts on
car insurance,
tuition,
restaurants;
access to
libraries, events,
athletic complexes, etc.

"To me it's another way of networking," said Ms. Vitucci, "but instead of going up to a stranger and introducing yourself, you at least know that you have something in common. You have St. Joe's in common."

Evelyn Jones '07, an alumni relations officer and A.M.P. counselor on the Brooklyn Campus, plays matchmaker between alumni mentors and their mentees. She and other counselors attempt to match them based not only on academic degrees or professional fields, but also on interests and personalities to ensure that the relationship will work. Once paired, however, mentors and mentees are encouraged to communicate as they see fit.

"It's whatever they make of it," Ms. Jones explained. "I have some mentors who are at a long distance from their mentees, so their relationships are primarily by phone or email. But then I have some mentors who are located right in the city and I've had students go to their mentors' jobs and shadow them."

One such long-distance relationship is that of Brooklyn Campus junior Maureen Donohue, a child study major, and Janine Mahoney '92, a graduate of the Long Island Campus. Ms. Mahoney is a special education teacher at Shelter Island School, 100 miles and a ferry trip away from Clinton Hill. Despite the distance, Ms. Donohue and Ms. Mahoney both praised their experience with the mentoring program. Though their relationship is primarily email-based, both mentor and mentee speak highly of their experiences.

"I wanted to get advice from a well-experienced teacher, and I wanted someone to be able to give me some connections, tips, advice as far as a job in the future," Ms. Donohue said.

"I like the program because I am not forced to attend meetings, email a certain amount or even call. The option

is totally up to me. I also like that I can talk to my mentor about what I want to learn about."

"It's less going out and getting a job, but moral support," Ms. Mahoney added. "My role is to touch base with her every now and then and bounce ideas off each other." She had also extended an invitation to Ms. Donohue to make the trip from Brooklyn to Shelter Island to shadow her at work.

This firsthand exploration is important for students and alumni who may be undecided about their ultimate career path. An A.M.P. counselor might also pair a mentee with two mentors in related fields to get a better feel for what they like and what they don't.

"Not every experience you have is going to be something that you want to do," Ms. Mahoney said. "You can learn from an experience by learning what you don't want to be like. Every experience is a learning experience."

A.M.P. counselors encourage students to take part in the mentoring program early to reap the most benefits.

"There's no set time that they can start, but it would be ideal for them to start in their freshman year or at least when they have declared their majors and have figured out exactly what they want to do," Ms. Jones said.

Ms. Vitucci added: "I think the key is to get them when they come in as freshmen or transfers and to get them thinking about their careers and to get them thinking about networking."

Alumni Benefits

In addition to its career-related offerings, the College offers a number of alumni benefits, including tuition discounts for SJC graduate programs and tuition grants to relatives of alumni and access to libraries, athletic centers and campus events.

Alumni are also entitled to various discounts at the College's bookstores and through 1-800-FLOWERS, GEICO, the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum and several local restaurants in Patchogue and Brooklyn.

All members of the Alumni Association can stay connected through social media via the SJConnect alumni online community (www.alumni.sjcny.edu), Facebook (www.facebook.com/sjcnyalumni) and Twitter (twitter.com/SJCNY).

A Model Program

The Office of Alumni Relations has steadily expanded its reach over the past several years, and its growing staff remains committed to developing a thriving alumni-based culture on both campuses.

"What we need to do is build meaningful relationships," said Matthew Colson '02, director of alumni relations and stewardship on the Long Island Campus. "We can't just have events where people come and go.

"We want students to have a better understanding that when they're done they don't have to be done."

The success of St. Joseph's program has inspired other colleges to revamp their own alumni programs.

"Many schools look at our program as a model of a better practice," Mr. Colson said.

"The five-year plan was to create a balanced alumni program that is engaging and service minded by building meaningful relationships and having alumni engaged in the fabric of the College. That was the plan, and that's what we have now." ■

Model

Program

meaningful relationships
service-minded
thriving alumni-based culture
engaged alumni

Introducing Our Alumni Relations Team



Each member of St. Joseph's alumni relations staff plays a vital role in establishing meaningful connections with the College's 30,000-plus graduates.

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Matthew Colson '02

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Women of Substance

by Chris Gasiewski

Erminia Rivera: A Lifelong Philanthropist

Erminia Rivera came from very humble beginnings. She was one of seven siblings. Her mother was a single parent who struggled to put her children through Catholic school.

Her upbringing, she said, helped create the generous person she is today. And when she married her late husband, Gilbert, their collective passion to volunteer and give back to their beloved Brooklyn community began to flourish.

The results of Ms. Rivera's philanthropic efforts are visible across the borough's neighborhoods and in its schools. They have certainly been felt at SJC, where she has been a member of the board of trustees since 2008.

Those efforts, along with her vast philanthropic vision, will take center stage when she is honored at the 29th Annual Scholarship Gala on November 3 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The evening benefits SJC's student scholarships — a cause Ms. Rivera has focused on since joining the SJC family.

"I'm honored. I'm really, really honored," Ms. Rivera recently said from her office at Park Avenue Building and Roofing Supplies, one of the two companies (the other being AM&G Waterproofing Inc.) that she helped found with her late husband and his brothers, William and Raymond. Both companies now employ close to 300 people. "I love the College and I love serving on the board of trustees.

"I am really humbled by this. I am very excited. I don't like the spotlight on me ever. It is a lovely event."

It sure is. The Scholarship Gala has become a staple in the long list of charitable events on SJC's calendar, raising critical capital for scholarship funding.

Ms. Rivera has been a major supporter of SJC's stu-

dents, having established and continuing to contribute to the Gilbert Rivera Scholarship Fund. She also established the Erminia Rivera Scholarship this year.

Outside of the College, Ms. Rivera created the Gilbert Rivera Charitable Foundation, which hosts, among other events, an annual golf tournament in August. Proceeds from the event are given back to the community and fund three scholarships to local colleges. Money from the tournament is also provided to food banks, the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and the Maimonides Medical Center, where Ms. Rivera serves as a trustee. She was recently appointed to serve as chair of the Maimonides Cancer Center, and through the generosity of her foundation, provided a \$1 million gift to assist in the opening of a new breast cancer center at the hospital.

Her efforts in the community continue. She serves on the Board of HORIZONS Academic Enrichment Program at Brooklyn Friends School, an enrichment program for children of low-income families.

Her future? She plans to continue helping her surrounding community.

"I am most passionate about providing educational opportunities to local students and raising money to help patients and their families fight cancer," she said. "I am committed to helping in every way that I can."

Cheryl A. Felice: An Exemplary Alumna

Cheryl A. Felice '03, E.M.B.A. '08, envisioned her future just before it became a reality.

During the final semester of finishing a B.S. in Organizational Management in 2002, Ms. Felice mapped her campaign to run for president of the Suffolk County Association



Erminia Rivera

of Municipal Employees (AME) Inc., the organization for which she had been a board member since 1990. She used the strategy for a marketing seminar class and followed the exact campaign three months later.

This time it counted, and she eventually won in April 2003, a mere two months after graduating from the Long Island Campus.

Ms. Felice's ties to St. Joseph's and Patchogue reach beyond campaign strategies and research seminars. She has always found avenues to give back to her community and college throughout her life. On November 3, she will receive SJC's Outstanding Alumna Award at the Annual Scholarship Gala at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

"I was overwhelmed when I received the call, and full of pride," Ms. Felice said of learning of the honor. "I had a wonderful experience at St. Joseph's and I continue to give back to the College that gave so much to me.

"The leadership qualities I learned are second to none. There was such a heavy emphasis on ethics, which is lacking in government and business these days. There are so many ethical responsibilities I learned there. It is something I truly treasure."

Ms. Felice, who also earned an Executive M.B.A. from the College in 2008, speaks with obvious enthusiasm about SJC and Patchogue, a community she was born and raised in and has embraced wholeheartedly. Her connections are everywhere.

She was credited with developing the first girls' softball league in the Village of Patchogue. Her father, Paul Felice, is a



Cheryl A. Felice '03, E.M.B.A. '08

longtime advocate for the Patchogue community. Her parents and maternal grandfather were also born and raised in the village, and just this August, she celebrated her aunt's 100th birthday in the village she had always lived in.

"I come from a long line of loyalty to our local community, one that makes me proud," she said.

As president of AME, a labor union that represents more than 8,500 active and retired Suffolk County municipal workers, Ms. Felice is chair of the Suffolk County Municipal Employees Benefit Fund, where she has a fiduciary responsibility for more than 12,500 members and \$18 million in assets. She was the first and only AME president to serve as chair of the Employee Medical Health Plan of Suffolk (EMHP) with a budget of \$250 million and covering more than 20,000 members and their 27,000 dependents.

Ask her of her favorite and recent accomplishments, and her enthusiasm shines through — the result of more than 27 years of service in Suffolk County.

She's proud of instituting a component where office members consistently pursue progressive education. She's also very pleased that, especially in this tepid economy, AME found a balance with Suffolk County to provide modest wage increases to every member in the organization. Even more important, not one job was lost due to layoffs during her presidential tenure — an impressive feat in its own right.

"I worked my way up the ladder and I'm glad I did," she said. "I learned how much experience is needed to learn every facet of this organization to lead it. It wasn't until I went to St. Joseph's that I knew I had those qualities." ■



THE CENTURY

by Nancy Connors • nconnors@sjcny.edu

The world has indeed changed since 1916 when St. Joseph's College for Women in Brooklyn opened its doors to its first 12 students. Over the last 100 years, American ingenuity has lifted the nation out of a depression and launched humans into space. Women won the right to vote, and ordinary people marched from Selma

to Montgomery and changed the course of history. Guys tinkering in garages invented the personal computer and built a digital information superhighway to a new world.

Throughout all of this change, St. Joseph's commitment to transforming lives, one student at a time, has never wavered.

THREE BIG IDEAS



ANNUAL FUND

At the core of the Century Fund is a long-standing commitment to the liberal arts. St. Joseph's College has always prepared its students to become leaders through a rich educational experience both inside and outside the classroom. For more than 30,000 alumni, the College is the place where minds opened, values were formulated and friendships grew.

The St. Joseph's College Fund, which provides unrestricted annual money, is a powerful means of supporting the education of the whole student. By making an annual gift, donors help the College continue to do what it has always done — provide a remarkable education for students who arrive passionate about learning and compassionate about the world around them.

ALUMNI Recognizing the importance of annual giving to the success of the Century Fund, increased alumni support is critical. Special giving programs include the Young Alumni Giving Program, for those who have graduated within

the past 10 years, and the Reunion Giving Program. Alumni are welcomed as members of the St. Joseph's College Society after 10 consecutive years of giving.

REUNIONS Alumni celebrate their anniversaries by making a special contribution to SJC, and reunion giving accounts for a large percentage of the total annual gifts to the College.

PARENTS Many parents think of a gift to the St. Joseph's College Fund as an act of gratitude for their children's education. By giving, parents continue to offer all students the tools necessary to build bright futures.

FACULTY AND STAFF St. Joseph's College is a great place to work because of the loyal and dedicated faculty and staff. Through annual contributions to the St. Joseph's College Fund, faculty and staff can ensure that the College remains a stimulating place to work, as well as a stimulating place for student life and learning.

CENTURY FUND

1916-2016

As the College approaches its second century, this same commitment to integrity, spiritual and intellectual values, social responsibility and service has led to the creation of the Century Fund, which will define the College's fundraising efforts for the next five years. The fund consists of three critical pieces: annual giving through the St. Joseph's

College Fund, planned giving through the Aquinas Society and capital projects and scholarships.

By establishing the Century Fund, the College invites students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends to reaffirm their commitment to St. Joseph's as it prepares for its 100th anniversary in 2016.



PLANNED GIFTS

Planned gifts are central to the success of the Century Fund and to the long-term financial stability of the College. Immediate and deferred tax advantages, as well as an increased income and effective rates of return, are just a few of the ways to benefit from a planned gift. As the College plans to usher in the next century, planned gifts will provide important resources for a new era of intellectual discovery and educational opportunities.



CAPITAL PROJECTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

THE BROOKLYN GYM The Brooklyn athletic program has grown exponentially and completed its fourth and final year of NCAA Division III provisional status in spring 2011. To support this unprecedented growth, the College will break ground on a new 26,000-square-foot facility this year.

Opportunities to support this exciting project range from an outright gift to a naming gift. Please visit the SJC website at giving.sjcnj.edu, or contact Assistant Vice President for Grants and Major Gifts Clare Kehoe at 718.940.5579 or ckehoe@sjcnj.edu to discuss ways to support this ambitious endeavor.

SCHOLARSHIPS Increased scholarship funding is more important than ever. In fact, the cost of tuition at SJC does not cover the expense of educating each student.

As government support for need-based financial aid becomes increasingly limited, SJC students will rely more on scholarships to continue their education. True to its mission, the College remains committed to admitting students for their dedication to learning, not just their capacity to pay.

Endowed scholarships enable talented students to become the next generation of leaders and innovators. By establishing an endowed scholarship, you or your loved one will forever be linked to a college recognized for its commitment to academic excellence and affordability.

WAYS TO GIVE

SJC welcomes your participation in the Century Fund and encourages you to consider making it a philanthropic priority. Your gift can take several forms and, in addition to benefiting St. Joseph's College, may provide powerful tax or estate planning benefits.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS: You may make a commitment to the Century Fund and fund it with cash, securities, real estate or other assets. However, gifts of appreciated property might provide greater tax benefits than giving cash. The staff will work with you and your adviser to facilitate a gift that will be the most advantageous.

MATCHING GIFTS: You can leverage your own giving if your employer offers a gift matching program and you will be credited for the total amount.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS: There are a number of gift vehicles that provide donors with income, flexibility and tax benefits, as well as providing a benefit to the college. The staff will work with you and your adviser to create an appropriate gift plan.

BEQUESTS: You may make a provision for St. Joseph's College in your estate plans, assuring a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime.

For almost 100 years, St. Joseph's College has set the standard for providing a superb and affordable education. For more information about the Century Fund and how it will continue this tradition of excellence and accessibility, please visit giving.sjcny.edu, or contact Vice President for Institutional Advancement Nancy Connors at 718.940.5580 or nconnors@sjcny.edu, or Ms. Kehoe at 718.940.5579 or ckehoe@sjcny.edu.

WHY I GIVE

"I give because God has asked me to and I give to St. Joseph's because of the wonderful experience I had there. It awarded me a two-year Presidential Scholarship, gave me access to an excellent faculty and staff, provided a quality education and recommended me for my first job after graduation. It is with great joy that I give knowing that someone else's life will be changed for the better by their experience at St. Joseph's.

"Education is a key component in allowing people to be independent and self-sufficient. I am confident that St. Joe's will use the money wisely and will continue to provide students a quality Catholic education at a reasonable cost."

Amelia Fox '82



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Heart-to-Heart HEALTH CARE

by Mary Kate Mahoney '09



He could be called a Renaissance man of health care.

Dr. Gregory Branch '87 held a variety of positions in both the public and private sector before settling nicely into public health. And in his current roles as director and health officer for the Baltimore County Department of Health and director of the newly formed Department of Health and Human Services,

Dr. Branch calls on his extensive experience to ensure the community's wellness.

"To make a profound effect from a public health perspective, I've got to make an effect on individual people," he said.

To guarantee that education and resources reach each person, Dr. Branch coined terms that outline the roles of his department, with each term ultimately spelling "health." The objective is to promote health and prevent disease through education, advocacy, linkage to programs and treatment (E.A.L.T.) and reaching individuals home-to-home and heart-to-heart, which represent the H's in his strategy.

Since becoming health director in 2008, Dr. Branch has already guided the county through one of the largest health crises in recent years — the H1N1 virus outbreak. His team displayed leadership among those helping fight and contain the virus.

"We were able to provide, as a health department, more H1N1 vaccines than any other jurisdictions in the state of Maryland," he said.

This effectiveness is the product of Dr. Branch's experience in multiple fields, and his ease in working and collaborating with all the public, private and legal players.

"One of the major issues in public health is being able to work with the insurance, the academic centers, private practitioners and the community health centers," he said.

The map of his career features stops in each one of those fields, all along a path that began at St. Joseph's College's Brooklyn Campus.

"I came to St. Joseph's with the idea that I wanted to become a doctor," he said. "It was an outstanding foundation for me to get the tools that I needed to go to medical school."

After medical school, Dr. Branch began teaching at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He still serves on Johns Hopkins' faculty, as well as the University of Maryland.

Also in Baltimore, Dr. Branch served as medical director for a federally qualified health center, and after five years, he became the chief medical officer for Medicaid, working on the insurance side of health care.

"With that varied background, it was a sure fit for me to be in public health," Dr. Branch said.

Appointed director of health and human services in August 2011, Dr. Branch uses his experience and knowledge to develop strategic plans for combating what he views to be the most threatening toxins in his community: food, tobacco and drugs. "Those are the major foes we're trying to fight right now," he said.

Obesity and diabetes are significant problems in Baltimore County, and both conditions have direct links to heart disease, which is the highest cause of death in the U.S. Tobacco also leads to heart disease and cancer, the second-highest cause of death.

Dr. Branch sees drug and substance abuse as a major cause in the breakdown of family structures, particularly in urban areas, resulting in another significant public health threat for his community.

Despite his demanding career, Dr. Branch still finds time to return to New York and stay in touch with the College. He attends reunion luncheons and, as a former Chapel Player, he enjoyed watching his nephew, Christian Branch '11, perform in school productions. Dr. Branch's brother, Deacon Leroy P. Branch Jr., gave the benediction at Christian's graduation from the Brooklyn Campus in May.

"I took fundamental tools from there," Dr. Branch said. "I will always be indebted to St. Joseph's for what they gave to me." ■

LEAVING LEGACIES

“We should endeavor
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as possible.”



A 2011 study by Accenture found that more than half of business professionals around the world are dissatisfied with their jobs. Surprisingly though, nearly three-quarters of those surveyed plan to stay with their companies and try to create new opportunities for themselves.

Changing jobs or choosing an entirely new career path can be frightening prospects. Taking charge of the situation you're in can be just as daunting.

K. Candis Best, Ph.D., has been there, and she knows it can be done.

Now an assistant professor at St. Joseph's Brooklyn Campus, Dr. Best graduated from Villanova Law School in 1991 and began her career as a lawyer in private practice. It became quickly apparent, however, that it was not what she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

"There were days when I liked what I did when I was a lawyer and days when I hated it," she said, "but there was not a single day when I loved it."

That simple realization set Dr. Best on a journey to discover her true passion. She knew she needed a change in direction, but did not know where to start. She found her first clue at St. Joseph's.

While working as a part-time adjunct professor at SJC, a student introduced Dr. Best to her boss, the director of a small community health clinic in Brooklyn. Through that fateful meeting, Dr. Best landed a consulting gig that soon became a full-time job.

She gave up her career as a lawyer and spent the next 11 years working up through the ranks of the public health field. During that time, she also earned an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare Research and Policy Development. She added a master's degree in psychology in 2010.

Today, Dr. Best is an author, educator and legacy consultant. Legacies, she explains, are the collective impacts of everything we do on the people around us.

"No matter your job title or industry or what outcomes you leave on paper, ultimately, legacies are from the interactions and impacts on people subject to your decisions," she said.

"We tend to look at legacy in retrospect, but if we thought about our legacies proactively — 'What do I want my legacy to be?' — it would really change how we interacted with people."

Dr. Best did eventually discover her passion during her time as a health care executive: leadership. In 2007 she accepted a full-time position at St. Joseph's and a year later published her first book, *Leaving Legacies: Reflections From the Prickly Path to Leadership*.

As associate chair of the Department of Community Health and Human Services, Dr. Best was one of the driving forces behind the development of the M.S. in Human Services Leadership (HSL) program, and currently teaches the introductory course, HSL 501 – Leading in Mission Driven Environments, among others.

"Through the introduction class, I have the opportunity to do something I've always wanted to do," she said, "which is to build a leadership class around *Star Trek*."

"The cornerstone of the program is experiential learning," she explained, stressing the importance of observing and critiquing business-world behavior in a variety of settings. "Students can't just be reading something and expected to be observant of how people interact."

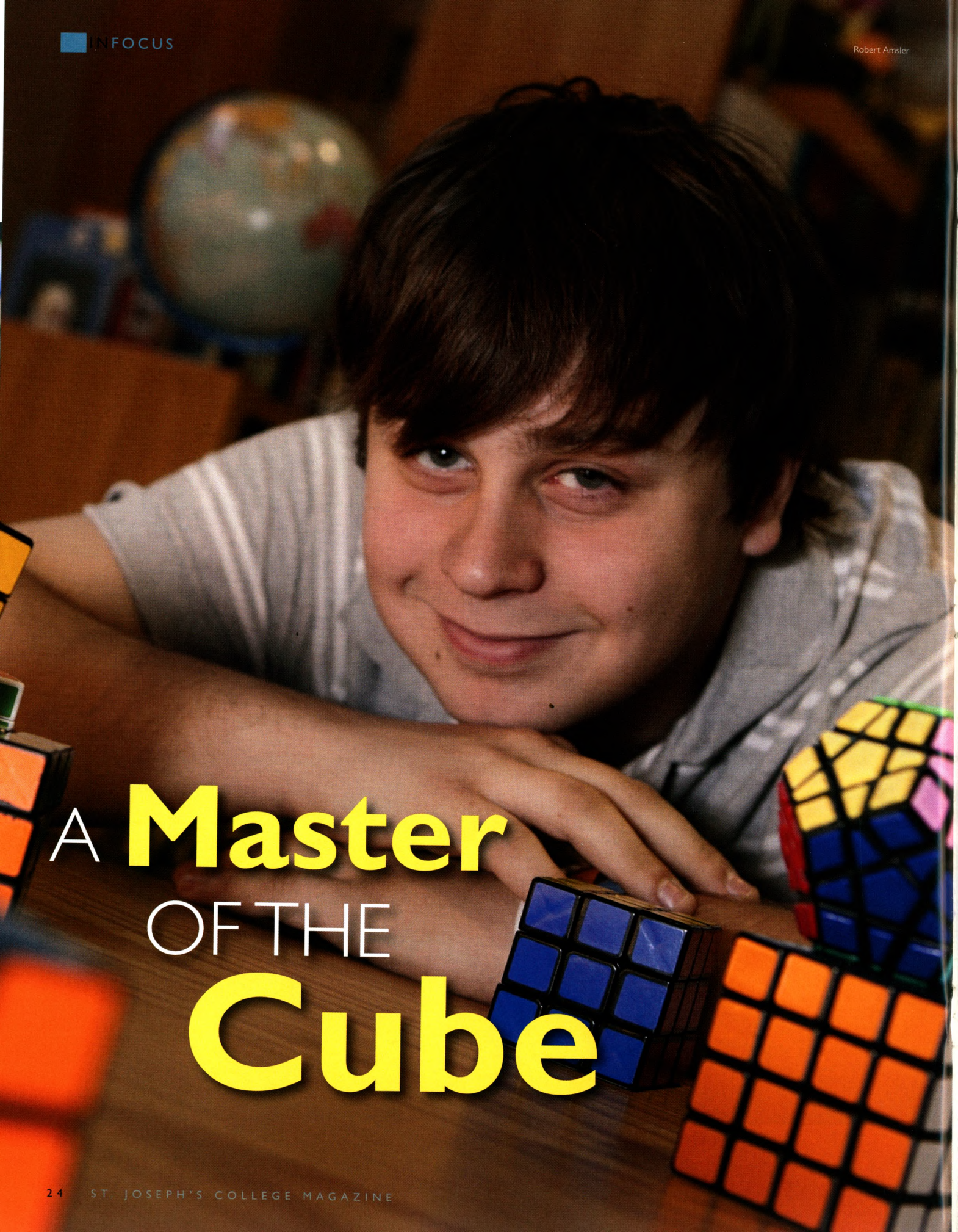
To simulate a workplace environment, Dr. Best posts episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *Star Trek: Voyager*. Students are asked to evaluate the leadership and command structure of Starfleet, how characters relate to each other and how their personal leadership style evolves. Each student may see the same scenario and notice different competencies at work.

"Don't get caught up in understanding warp drive," she tells them. "It's about watching human interaction. It gives them an anchor of understanding mission-driven leaders and leadership."

This kind of understanding is also critical when shaping one's legacy. Part of Dr. Best's goal is to show her students how much they can grow with the right leader and how devastating it can be to have the wrong one. "We've all had great leaders and not-so-great leaders," she said. "Bad ones might motivate you more."

In St. Joseph's HSL program, the focus is on importance of inspiring self-leadership. "Self-leaders commit to having a positive impact in whatever situation they're in," she said.

"We should endeavor to make our social footprints as big and as positive as possible," Dr. Best wrote on her website, www.candisbest.com. "We can do that by thinking about the legacies we leave behind us everyday." ■



A Master OF THE Cube

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For more than 30 years, the Rubik's Cube has mystified millions around the globe. Touted as the world's best-selling toy — more than 300 million sold since 1980 — the cube's 43 quintillion (that's a 43 followed by 18 zeroes) possible color combinations make it an enticing, or maddening challenge for casual players, avid puzzle enthusiasts and even world-renowned mathematicians.

Though not yet born at the height of the Rubik's Cube craze in the mid-1980s, Long Island Campus junior Rowe Hessler '13 is among the world's most distinguished "speedcubers." Speedcubing is the practice of solving a Rubik's Cube or one of its several variations in the shortest time possible. The World Cube Association sanctions global competitions in 19 events.

Mr. Hessler, 20, is a two-time U.S. champion (2009-2010) in the standard 3x3 Rubik's Cube event, the only multiple winner in U.S. National Championships history. He holds the world record for the fastest solve of a 2x2 Pocket Cube (four panels per side, as opposed to the traditional nine) — an astounding 0.96 seconds — which he set at the United States Rubik's Cube Championships at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2010. He also owns five North American records, including the fastest solve of a single 3x3 cube (6.94 seconds) and the best average time for five cubes (8.91 seconds), ranking him second in the world in both categories.

Other personal bests include continental records in the 3x3 one-handed event (single and average) and a world record in the 3x3 blindfolded category (it has since been broken).

One might expect this kind of elite proficiency to be developed through a lifetime of practice, but surprisingly, Mr. Hessler was not introduced to the Rubik's Cube until he was almost 16.

"My aunt got me a cube for Christmas in 2005, and at first I didn't think much of it," said Mr. Hessler, son of SJC history professor Mark Hessler, Ph.D. "Then she came over on New Year's and showed me how to get a side, and I wanted to figure out how to do the rest.

"I didn't originally want to get fast or anything, I just wanted to tell people I could do it, but that never works. Everybody who says that, they always end up going further and further into it. Over time you just learn more things and you get really into it." He said he practiced solving the cube "24/7" while in high school.

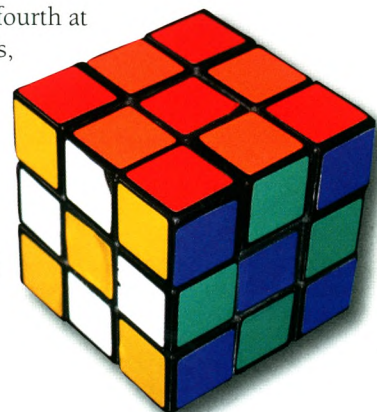
A Shirley native, Mr. Hessler is a mathematics major and a member of the Long Island Campus' Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), an organization tailored to students interested in computer science. In January, the ACM and the Office of Student Life welcomed more than 150 of the world's best speedcubers for the College's second annual Rubik's Cube Competition. Mr. Hessler finished first in three of the four categories in which he participated.

Despite his tremendous success, Mr. Hessler is modest about his speedcubing achievements, and tends to avoid making public shows of his talent. "It's really just a hobby," he said, noting that even world records do not generally produce financial gains.

"The only time you ever make something out of it is when you go to the world championships," he said. Even so, his earnings at the 2009 World Rubik's Cube Championship in Düsseldorf, Germany, barely covered the cost of the trip itself. For Mr. Hessler, the greater prize is meeting and spending time with other speedcubers from all around the world.

"It's really just for fun," he said. "There's nothing really gained out of it except for making friends." His ambition for more world records is also limited. "If it happens, it happens," he said, preferring to focus his efforts on becoming a high school math teacher after college.

Mr. Hessler finished fourth at the 2011 U.S. Nationals, held at Ohio State University in August. He is currently working to raise money for a trip to the 2011 World Championship in Bangkok, Thailand, this October. ■



RELIVING the DE

by Chris Gasiewski

Traveling, whether near or far, is somewhat foreign for Frank LaTerra.

"I'm one of the least-traveled people," he says. "I go away every five years if I'm lucky."

Maybe so. But SJC's executive director of career development, wellness and disability services will certainly be more cautious the next time he ventures out of the country, or even the state.

In March, Mr. LaTerra visited his cousin, Frank Manzell, and his wife, Linda, at their home in Tokyo. He had no idea that he would encounter one of the biggest catastrophes in recent history.

On March 8, the three were visiting in Mr. Manzell's apartment when a 7.2 earthquake shook the building.

Just a few days later, the trio was hiking Mt. Takao when an 8.9 quake — the fifth largest in the world since 1900 — rocked the island nation, also resulting in a tsunami that moved as fast as a jetliner (500 mph), which pummeled the area and created a whirlwind of devastation.

SJC Magazine sat down with Mr. LaTerra in May to discuss his experience. Here are highlights of the conversation.

"March came around and we had everything planned out. My cousin emailed me the itinerary. We were going to visit all of Tokyo, Kyoto and other cities close by.

"I left [the U.S.] March 4. The excitement of getting there made it all worth while. The first couple of days were awesome. Tokyo is an amazing city. With the little traveling I have done, by far the greatest city I have been to. I love Manhattan, but this was bigger, brighter, more stimulating than Manhattan. My cousin said it's like four Times Squares. It's constant stimulation and the amount of people is just overwhelming.

"We hit the ground running. We visited all of Tokyo ... and we visited Kyoto, which used to be the capital of Japan. We did a tour of all of the castles and temples, which was really awesome. It's a beautiful city. The one thing that stood out was the people who were so accommodating.

"My second day there, there was a 7.2 earthquake that no one heard about. It wasn't news in the states. I was home at my cousin's place, and you felt it. My cousin said it was normal and happens here regularly. That was a pretty big one though. He didn't have the foresight to



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know something bigger was coming, but he said 'that was bigger than what we normally experience.'

"[Later] We did this hike and it led to Daibutsu, which is one of the biggest statues in the world. Everything was going great. The next day, we went to Mt. Takao. This was the day of the earthquake. We did this long hike, climbing this mountain and all of a sudden, you saw this whole mountain shake. My cousin was a Marine, so it's instinctual for him, he screamed, 'Get down.' He knew something was up.

"We hit the ground and for about a minute we felt the shaking. When it finally stopped, we had no clue [how bad it was]. We just knew it was an earthquake. My cousin said it was big. So, we kept hiking upward and got to the top of Mt. Takao, then there was a second earthquake, aftershocks, but still pretty big. Then people started talking.

"On our way down, we took the train and when we got to the train we took to the city, thousands of people were stranded. Apparently, they closed down the subway system throughout the whole country, which is unheard of in Japan. ... For that to be shut down, something serious had to happen.

"That was around 5 o'clock. We still didn't quite get what happened. One woman who spoke English said there were tsunamis [coming], but you still don't really put it together. So, from 5 o'clock on, we were just trying to get home and we were a few hours out of Tokyo. We didn't get home until the next day, about 3 in the morning.

"We jumped on a bus. We didn't know what to do. It was gridlock. Nothing was moving. We jumped off of the bus and must have walked a good 15 miles, trying to go at least in the direction of Tokyo. And at 1 o'clock in the morning, we were finally able to get a cab, which took us home — a \$300 cab.

"I got a call from my mom who was just beside herself. ... I told her we were fine and almost back in Tokyo. Tokyo pretty much was intact. But from that point on, we got calls throughout the night. Facebook, I had people from high school contacting me, saying, 'God, I hope you're OK.'

"From that point on, the vacation was pretty much over. Then you just started to see the city go from this great city, stimulating with people everywhere to really no one around, people staying indoors. [The phrase] Ghost town is dramatic, but you definitely felt that something catastrophic had happened.

"There were a few more aftershocks throughout my stay there. In the middle of the night, you'd feel your bed shake. You'd ask, 'What do I do. Do I run outside? Do I jump under my bed?' Then you'd start thinking if you are making it up.

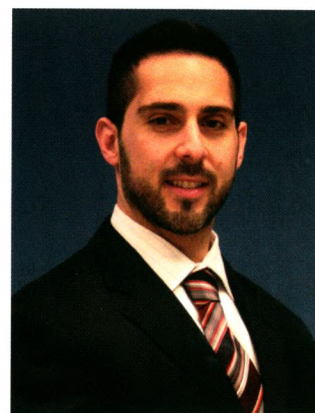
"That was the rest of the trip. Thank God I wasn't close to any of the tsunamis. It wasn't until later on that I saw the video. My cousin doesn't have TV because it is in Japanese, so we had to go online and look for it. I looked at the [New York] *Daily News*. It didn't register how significant it was until days later. We didn't realize the impact of it all. I really

didn't realize until I got back here."

Mr. LaTerra eventually left Japan on March 14. He was worried about leaving the country, having heard rumors that it would be difficult to travel and of potential radiation leaks. But, expecting the worst scenario, it perhaps turned out to be the best as the roads were empty though the airport was not.

When he landed in JFK International Airport, an ABC News team blanketed his flight's passengers, looking for anecdotes from the disaster.

"When you finally get home, everything hits you," Mr. LaTerra said. "I still feel connected to that city. Despite everything, I would go back. It's a great city." ■

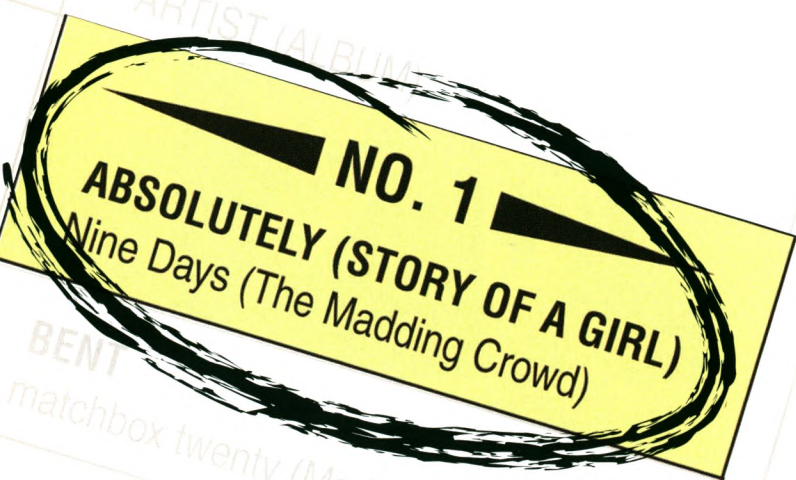


Frank LaTerra is the executive director of the Office of Career Development, Wellness and Disability Services.

Claudia Mirzaal

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Top of the Charts to Head of the Class





Just as the summer of 2000 turned to fall, a much-needed time of respite fell on John Hampson '08.

He had just completed a short European tour with Nine Days, a band in which he sang and played rhythm guitar. Their hit song, "Absolutely (Story of a Girl)," reached No. 1 on *Billboard's* charts weeks earlier.

Tired, Mr. Hampson needed a break from the road, fans and music. So, he enjoyed tranquility with his fiancée, Teresa, in perhaps the most romantic city in the world.

"[Paris] was the highlight for me," Mr. Hampson said. "I got to decompress and really fully breathe in what just happened.

"Here [in the U.S.], it was on the radio everyday. There was no down moment."

While no longer atop pop music's charts, Mr. Hampson rarely has downtime these days either.

He exchanged touring and playing sensational venues like Madison Square Garden for home life, which includes family time with Teresa (now his wife) and his twin sons, Luke and Brody. After graduating from St. Joseph's Long Island Campus, he became an English teacher at Wantagh High School and enrolled in a graduate program at Stony Brook University.

The rock star turned teacher also hasn't entirely dismissed his first love. He issued two solo records ("Shiny New Album" and "Private Little Revolutions") since Nine Days folded in 2003 and he is currently co-writing and co-producing two other albums.

"You redefine success," he poignantly said. "As long as you can continue to redefine success, you can find a way to make yourself happy. I'm about to turn 40 and I can say I'm not still playing in a club dreaming in the moment I had. I can still dream, but I have a very successful present and hopefully future.

"The truth is I love being a student. I loved being [at SJC]. And I love being in front of a classroom. It's not that different than being on stage."

Realistically, Mr. Hampson said, it's not. In both situations, teachers and performers have to captivate and influence an audience. They must read the classroom and crowd to continue to entertain and inspire.

He said he has become a better songwriter through teaching and it is "the perfect combination." Teaching, along with success in music, were the only accomplishments he wanted for his life, and he has achieved both at a young age.

At 11, he got his first guitar. At 13, he was in his first band.

Three bands later, which all had connections to the previous version, he formed Nine Days in 1994, which ultimately brought him and his mates stardom beyond their wishes.

"Basically, we went into the studio and had been writing and rehearsing songs for months," he said. "We always wanted a record deal. We weren't going to wait around. We were fed up and we wrote, rehearsed and put together what we thought was a great record."

However, it took four years until a major record label became interested. Nine Days actually produced three indie records, each influenced by Neil Young, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen, before releasing "The Madding Crowd," which changed everything, including Mr. Hampson's approach to writing.

"I remember the day literally when my songwriting changed," he said. "A light bulb went off in my head. I realized that I could write songs that were more pop structured.

"I wasn't trying to write songs like that at all. But we got our first offer and we got the realization that that style would get us a large audience."

Months later, "The Madding Crowd" went gold and produced a whirlwind of events. "Absolutely (Story of a Girl)" was announced as No. 1 when the band was on stage at Irving Plaza in August 2000.

"The next day, I was on *Regis*," Mr. Hampson said. "It was nuts. The record went gold. Britney Spears introduced us at Jingle Ball," where a packed, 18,000-fan crowd at the Garden sang "Story of a Girl" in tune.

"You can't express the feeling," he said.

His time in the limelight continued with appearances on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*, shows on VH1 and a few MTV *Beach House* game shows.

"We went from zero to 120 within a couple of weeks," he said. "We didn't take a day off for two years. I always knew that it was a fleeting thing. I didn't expect it to stay. We all kind of knew we caught wind in a bottle."

Nine Days produced a follow-up album to "The Madding Crowd," but it never saw production and the band dispersed in 2003 on Mr. Hampson's call. He said it was the healthy thing to do and disbanding helped repair relationships between the foursome, who began as friends before their time in the spotlight.

Mr. Hampson said the experience was exactly like what you see on VH1's *Behind the Music*. And it was an experience that now allows him to focus on his family and teaching, as well as fuel his first passion.

He still plays local gigs across Long Island during summers. This time, though, he does it at his own pace.

"I never, ever doubted that it's what I wanted to do," he said. "The mission to make music was always there. Twenty-eight years later, I have never stopped living and creating it." ■

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ALUMNICONNECTIONS

Alumni Office Welcomes One of its Own

by Valerie Esposito • vesposito@sjcnj.edu



Claudia Mirzaali

The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to announce that Marianne Traviglia Ferrara '69 has joined its staff as the assistant director of alumni relations on the Brooklyn Campus.

Ms. Ferrara recently retired from a career with the New York City Department of Education, where she had worked for more than 30 years. While in her most recent position as the District 22 superintendent, she worked tirelessly to help her students reach their full potential.

Ms. Ferrara's extensive career earned her an induction into the Commission for Independent Colleges and Universities Alumni Hall of Distinction in 2009, and she credits much of her success to SJC.

"SJC is where I received the training and nurturing that led me to my career as a teacher and administrator," she said. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to meet and speak with alumni from various classes, whose appreciation for the role the College has played in their lives, grows stronger every year."

The alumni office is dedicated to engaging its more than 30,000 alumni by creating a variety of opportunities to keep them involved in the SJC community. ■

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For more information, contact **Daria Liles Tator '03**,
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Class Notes

Brooklyn

1940s

Mary Daniels Dee '45 lives with her daughter in California and hopes to return to her home in East Northport soon.

Elizabeth Dudley '45 is feeling much better and happy to have her family nearby for special gatherings.

Catherine Phillips Haffey '45 has retired from the Bill and Gales Ferry Libraries in Ledyard, CT. She is moving to a smaller facility near her son.

Doris Zerrenner Harrington '45 is moving to another residence, but remaining in Connecticut.

Margaret Meagher Lundebjerg '45 lives in Farmington, CT.

Eileen McDermott Ott '45 is happy in Ocean View, NJ, and keeps busy attending church and with family gatherings.

Joan McManus Fusco '46 has five children and seven grandchildren. She is retired from teaching in Glen Cove, where she taught for 26 years and is now active in her church and senior center.

Genevieve Kingman Lindner '46 has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is active in her church, and resides in Seabrook Village in New Jersey.

Mary Stagnitta Napolitano '46 has three sons, three daughters, 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Grace Arnone Marra '51 is a retired kindergarten teacher with two sons and two grandsons. She lives in Port Washington.

Florence Sergio O'Connor '51 has two sons and two granddaughters. Her husband, Daniel, passed away in 1968.

Several Class of 1956 members celebrated the class' 55th anniversary at the Spring Reunion in April. **Mary Feeney Dwyer, Kathleen McMullen Schafer, Mary Engelskirger Seery, Winifred Cavanagh Malone, Joan**

Reardon Dillon, Anne Porter Molanphy, Eileen Hale Peters, Elizabeth Savino Acerra, Lucille Waters Granfort, Anna Costello Stellwag and Ann Bauch all enjoyed the festivities.

Jacqueline Taaffe Coleman '56 hooded her granddaughter, Alexa, who graduated from the Long Island Campus in May. Jackie has seven children and 17 grandchildren. She also celebrated her class' 55th anniversary at the Spring Reunion.

Helen Gruner McCrory '56 has spent her winters in Boca Raton, FL, with her husband, Larry, for the past four years. Their seven children and 13 grandchildren visit often, as do **Carol Cahill Downey '56**; her husband, John; and **Jane Maher Catron '56**.

Several members of the Class of 1957 met for lunch at the Da Rosina Ristorante Italiano in Manhattan. **Dolores Byran Weeden, Margaret Ansbro, Anne Buckley McAssey, Frances Higgins, Dorothy Dembinsky Jesinkey, Gloria Johnson Talty and Barbara Morrison Marlborough** all attended and plan to attend the Fall Luncheon on October 22.

1960s

Mary Lou Cain '60 and her husband, Charlie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a long cruise to Asia.

Grace Martin Cipriani '60 enjoys continuing education classes at Bergen Community College in New Jersey.

Edward Conlon, son of **Elizabeth Trust Conlon '60**, wrote a new book, *Red on Red* — the 16-year New York City Police Department detective's first work of fiction.

Kathleen Walsh Fallon '60 spends time with her grandchildren.

Ellen Thayer Houck '60 is in a group of Catholic singles in Manhattan.

Vivian Graepel Hudson '60 and her husband, William, have several cruises planned for this year with their family.

Ann Liberatore Maiara '60 was involved with a dance production at Montclair State University.

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CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT



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1) S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55 celebrated her retirement as academic dean with family and friends on 2) friends from the Class of 1955; 3) S. Alice Francis Young, C.S.J., '40; 4) S. Mary Florence Burns, C.S.J., '46;

Eileen Mullen '60 took a trip to Canada on the Queen Mary 2. She works at SJC.

Rosemary Murtha Todaro '60 performs with choral and dance groups in Westchester.

Many Class of 1961 members traveled great distances to attend the Spring Reunion. In attendance were Ada Tracey Stankard; Barbara Frohnhofers Feldmann; Roberta Gentile Neuman; Jean Ryan Driscoll; Lynn Sorensen

Thornton; Sally McGovern Kahn; Rosemary Reilly Pfaffle; Barbara Blake; Mary McLaughlin Regan; Carole Rooney Morris; Maureen O'Leary Griffith; Sue Ann Glenn McCabe; Herietta Salpietro; Catherine Sweeney; Dorothy Renkowski; Pasqua Balducci Iacono; Paula Kahwaty Mollica; Anne Diviney Morrissey; Patricia Dawson McCormick; Teresa Sweeney Taylor; Joan Carey; Mary Ganley; Joan Kraft; Marletta Stevenson; S. Margaret Askin, C.I.J.; Joan Tierney Carney; Elizabeth Hussey Jennings; Carol Trivisonno Lambiasi; Rose Rutigliano Tomaselli; Elizabeth Kiernan Ray; Marie Funke Tobin; Katherine Coleman Campbell; Gina Baumgarten Guglielmo with her husband, Anthony; Anne Quenneville Thornett; Helena Miskel; Katherine McEachern Cunningham with her husband, Ronald; and Patricia Welsh Gallagher and her husband, John.

Barbara Blake '61 has been living and teaching in Germany and enjoys returning the New York to attend the Spring Reunion.

Eileen Zarnitz Breen '61 is a retired English teacher. She has two sons and one daughter.

Pasqua Balducci Iacono '61 and her husband live in a retirement community. She runs a film society, showing both American and international films.

Patricia Dawson McCormick '61 works as president of her own consulting company in the textbook and publishing industry.

Anne Diviney Morrissey '61 recently retired from her work with seniors.

Roberta Gentile Neuman '61 gives cooking classes in her home to raise money for a local symphony.

Anne Ryan O'Brien '61 lives in Connecticut and has three grandsons. She is planning a cruise with her sister, Maureen Ryan Mulcahy '64.

Henrietta Salpietro '61 loves her new retirement home as there are so many activities and events to keep her busy.

Ada Tracey Stankard '61 is teaching a course on World War I.

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S: S. MARGARET BUCKLEY, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55



May 18. She is pictured with 1) her sister, Anne Buckley McAssey '57, and Anne's husband, Edward McAssey; and 5) SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., '64 and Trustee Sheila Baird.

Teresa Sweeney Taylor '61 and husband returned from their winter home in Arizona.

Several Class of 1962 members attended the Spring Reunion in April. They include alumnae **Rosemary McDonald Ahern**, **Mary Collins Macchiarola**, **Virginia O'Rourke McLoughlin**, **Patricia Jesinkey Palmer** and **Patricia Sweeney**.

Rosemary McDonald Ahern '62 and husband, Thomas, visited Amsterdam and Belgium last spring. The highlight of their trip was a river cruise in Holland.

Mary Collins Macchiarola '62 and her husband, Frank, cruised in the Western Caribbean last winter. An Irish cruise aboard an Italian liner was a great experience.

Virginia O'Rourke McLoughlin '62 went on a tour of Egypt early this year, but her trip was cut short when a violent protest erupted in Cairo and she was forced to leave the country.

Mary Minogue Brouder '63 and her husband, Daniel, work in a food pantry

in Blooming Grove, PA, that serves more than 100 families.

Margaret Byrnes '63 is an adjunct instructor at Molloy College and supervises pre-student teachers and student teachers for the graduate education program in childhood and early childhood. She teaches a course in critical reading and composition. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of Notre Dame Catholic Academy in Ridgewood, and is a member of the Parish Planning Council at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Forest Hills.

Dorothy Fitzgerald Glew '63 writes articles for a newspaper in Bethlehem, PA; mentors a seventh-grade student; and is learning how to play the double bass.

Helen Craig Hoefner '63 and husband, Ronald, relocated to Amherst (in the Buffalo area), and are now a seven-minute drive from their youngest daughter and two grandchildren, but they miss **Tom Hoefner '00** and **Jaime Vacca-Hoefner '02** and little Gabby in Brooklyn.

Mary Darroch McBride '63 is retired from teaching at Sheridan College in Wyoming. She is a grandmother of two.

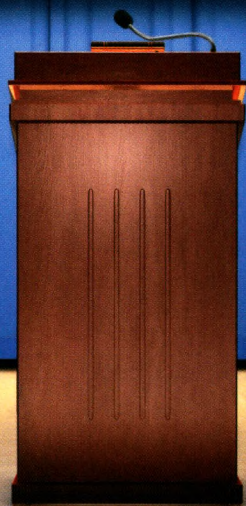
Frances Minichello '63 was among several Class of 1963 members that celebrated their upcoming 70th birthdays. **Carol Flaig Callochio**; **Eleanor Yuretich Hudson** and her husband, James; **Kathleen Coyle Testa**, husband, Paul; **Mary Minogue Brouder** and her husband, Daniel; and **Mary Callahan Browne** and her husband, Michael; all cruised to Bermuda.

Catherine Dearie Nygren '63 welcomed a long-awaited grandchild in August 2010. She babysits and travels.

Carole Kuklis Oberheim '63 and her husband, Stephen, spend most of their vacations with their three children and six grandchildren. Carole is active in her parish, St. David the King in West Windsor, NJ, with Eucharistic minister duties and the Reach Out Ministry. She also helps out her mother, who is 90.

Mary Ellen O'Brien '63 moved to Spring Lake on the Jersey Shore and enjoys her second retirement after her

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tenure with the New York City Board of Education and 10 years as director of religious education at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Roman Catholic Church in Forest Hills.

Marie Albano Pellegrino '63 is a retired school principal and is enjoying her grandson who now lives near her in Long Beach. She sees old friends and frequents Atlantic City.

Barbara Grace Ritter '63 has been involved in the International Dyslexia Association since 1985. She is a fellow in the Academy of Orton-Gillingham and trains learning disabilities therapists. She recently learned of the work of **Elizabeth Williams Aurichio '63** with the association.

Margaret Harrington '64 enjoyed a visit to Vietnam with **Mary Morgan Tirolo '64**. Dr. Harrington retired from Victory Education Partners and recently joined the Board of Trustees at the Tibetan Museum.

Mary Noberini '64 took a trip to Alaska this summer with her two sisters, Margaret Noberini and **Anne Marie Noberini Ginkel '67**. She also traveled to Venice earlier this summer, and is considering a visit to southern India next year.

Clara Rodrigues Oleson '64 invites all her classmates to her quilt exhibit at the Muscatine Art Center in Iowa in fall 2012.

Mary Morgan Tirolo '64 graduated in 2009 from the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. She has a full psychotherapy practice, serving adults and children. Her daughter, Lauren, gave birth to a daughter, Maya Alexander, and her son, David, was married to Meredith in Catskill.

Patricia Michalski '65 and her husband, Bob, welcomed their 10th grandchild on February 13.

Vivian Ciolli Ackerman '66 keeps very busy with many hobbies and she has two grandsons. She is currently house hunting in upstate New York.

Margaret Cody Baudo '66 is happily retired and spends time with her husband, Frank, her children and grandchildren. She also travels, volunteers and plays guitar.

Julia Skinner Braun '66 is recently retired and now has time to visit her grandchildren and family located along the East Coast. She also travels with her husband, Bernard, and is taking college courses.

Catherine Harper Burgh '66 enjoyed seeing so many classmates from the 45th Anniversary class and sharing news and memories. She and her husband, Ed, are the proud grandparents of nine young grandchildren.

Mary Joan Contrino Collison '66 is retired after 42 years of teaching at Molloy College. She and her husband, Joe, enjoy retirement and are spending more time with family.

Alumni Leadership

Robert Napolitano



Former Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55 presents Santia Thermoziier '11 with the 2011 Alumni Leadership Award for her four years of service as president and member of the Student Alumni Association.

Jacqueline Walsh Conlon '66 and her husband, Vinny, spend winters in Florida and summers in New Jersey. They have three grandchildren.

Jean Coleman Duffy '66 enjoys retirement and stays busy with her sister, Katherine Coleman Campbell '61, and her friend, Mary Louise Reilly Comer '66. She also travels and volunteers.

Mary O'Connell Gifford '66 and her husband, Jack, have been married for 41 years. They have one daughter and two grandchildren. She is very active in community service organizations and enjoys traveling.

Kathleen Mauceri Hecker '66 is a psychologist in Austin, TX.

Jane Leder Horn '66 is a retired teaching assistant who keeps busy with her six grandchildren.

Best wishes to the daughter of Joan Connolly Marone '66, who was married in July 2010. Joan also has a 5-year-old granddaughter.

Eileen Ferrell Misk '66 enjoys retirement, her grandchildren and volunteering.

Ann-Marie Nardi Paley '66 celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary with her husband, Chuck. She still works and enjoys the company of her son, daughter-in-law and grandson.

Anna Pavelka Smith '66 has nine grandchildren.

Marisa Ting Wu '66 enjoys retirement with her husband, Ben. She travels and is an active member of her church, participating in the Legion of Mary choir, Bible study and church publications.

Mary Ellen Dubiel Freeley '67 and Margaret Courtney Gargiulo '67 sailed on the MS Prisendam on the Holland American Line with their husbands. They enjoyed daily tours and shopping excursions.

Christine Giangreco '69 celebrated the 40th anniversary of completing graduate school with a reunion in Bologna, Italy, and sailing across the Mediterranean with friend Anita Brownstein.

Kathleen Graves Mentlik '69 lives in Grapevine, TX, and has worked as teacher, social worker, family counselor and, for the past 20 years, in medicine.

Roseanne Quinn '69 received SMART Board certification after completing 17 hours of training, and has incorporated SMART Board techniques into her lesson plans at Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School in Schenectady.

Rose Marie DeBonis Filocco '69 retired after 30 years of teaching elementary school students in New York and Rhode Island. She has five grandchildren, enjoys golf, gardening and teaching a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) class. Her twin sister, JoAnn DeBonis O'Brien '69, is teaching high school mathematics on Long Island and plans to retire in a few years.

Anna Perrone Geary '69 celebrated her 40th anniversary this July with her husband, Robert, by taking a trans-Atlantic cruise on the Queen Mary 2. They sailed from Brooklyn to Southampton, England and continued on to Norway and back to the U.S.

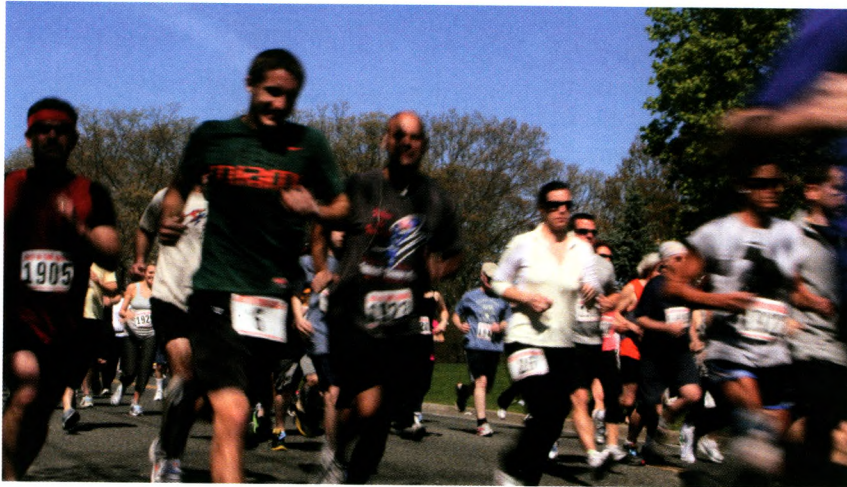
Farewell to Friends



Robert Napolitano

Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Stewardship Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69 (right) congratulates 2011 graduates of the master's in literacy and cognition program. The departing students were treated to a farewell party hosted by the Department of Child Study.

And They're Off!



Andrew Saidler

Runners were in stride at the fourth annual Alumni Association Walkathon/5K Run on May 1. The event raised approximately \$25,000 for the Thomas Wendt '88 Alumni Scholarship and The Rose Brucia Education Foundation.

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Evelyn Jones '07, at ejones2@sjcny.edu.

1970s

Kathleen Weis Gillespie '71 travels with her husband, Jack. They have three children and are expecting their first grandchild this year.

The National Congress of Black Women (NCBW) Delaware County Chapter saluted **Patricia Kusterbeck Steinberg '71, Ph.D.**, at the NCBW Sojourner Truth Celebration this past April. Patricia is an educator, activist and entrepreneur.

Mary Zini '71 was recently honored as a "Woman of Magnitude" by Mount Vernon High School for excellence in education.

Jeanette Wiese Schuler '73 welcomed her third grandchild, Samantha, from her daughter, Erica. Jeanette is the director of theatre at Indian River High School in Chesapeake, VA. Her students recently performed the musical *Hairspray*, and one of her former drama students is Jay Pharoah, of *Saturday Night Live*. Jeanette remains close with **Sigrid Brandt Frawley '73**.

Mary Frances Healion Muldoon '76 celebrated her 35th wedding anniversary with her husband, Michael. They have five children and one granddaughter.

Sean Smallman, son of **Catherine McDonnell Smallman '78**, celebrated his first wedding anniversary with his wife, Meghan, in June.

1980s

Cory Jones '11, niece of **Maureen Fleming Wicelinski '80**, graduated from SJC in May and is attending New York Law School. Maureen's other niece, Jillian Palmeri, is a senior at SJC pursuing a special education degree. Maureen lives in Levittown and is a collaborative team teacher at The Rachel Carson IS 237 Magnet School for the Arts. Maureen's oldest son will graduate from Tuoro Medical School on June 12, 2012, and he will marry Jessica Cannella. Maureen's youngest son, Michael, is in his sophomore year at Molloy College.

Marie Clancy '81 sends her best wishes to the Class of 1981.

2000s

Congratulations to **Adrienne Blando '01**, who married Joseph Lewis in March. She is a special education teacher at IS 227 in Brooklyn, and he works for the New York City Department of Sanitation.

Jared Brogan '01 was ordained by the Diocese of Paterson, NJ and was assigned to the St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Morristown, NJ. He is the son of **Marylou Brogan '78** and brother of **John Brogan '97**.

Liza Wasserman Sims '01 is a kindergarten teacher. She and her husband, Joshua, have two children.

Khadijah Carter '04 began studying in Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism this fall.

Best wishes to **Christopher Valis '07, Esq.**, who married **Laverne Wilson '02**. Laverne graduated from New York

The Class of 2011 is Movin' Out



Robert Amster

The Long Island Campus celebrated the Class of 2011 with a summer kick-off concert on June 1 featuring Big Shot, a Billy Joel tribute band. The St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, Greek Life and Student Government Association cosponsored the concert.

Law School with a juris doctor and has been admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York. Christopher

opened his practice in New York, focusing on multiple facets of the law.

Caitlin McNeill '11 was crowned the first Big Apple Rose of Tralee at the Hudson Theater in Times Square.

A Taste of Long Island



Alumni attendees of the June 11 wine-tasting tour enjoyed a lovely day that included visits to Laurel Lake Vineyards and Briermere Farms, both on Long Island's North Fork.

Long Island

1970s

Elizabeth "Betsy" Leskody Johnston '79 volunteers at Sacred Heart Parish in Monroe, Our Father's Kitchen, Our Mother's Cupboard, Sonshine Boutique and the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. She has been married to her husband, Andrew, for more than 30 years. They have two sons: Colin, who recently married Jessica Meola, and Keith, who recently graduated from Siena College.

1980s

Frank Favazza '87, D.C., was appointed a board member at large of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, Long Island Chapter. Frank returns as a past president, having served from 1994–1998.

1990s

Christopher Alfano '93 and his wife, Kathy, welcomed their daughter, Isabella Joelle. The couple also has a son, C.J.

Madeline Klotz '96 was named an associate of litigation and dispute resolution, and personal injury practices at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. Before joining the firm, Madeline was an intern at the U.S. Attorney's Office and previously served as an intern to U.S. District Court Judge Denis Hurley.

Marnette Burk-Travia Graff '96 recently published *The Blue Virgin: a Nora Tierney Mystery*, set in Oxford, England. She is also co-author of *Writing in a Changing World*, both from Bridle Path Press.

Congratulations to **Kristin Engel Hornung '97** and her husband, Richard, who celebrated the birth of their third daughter in December.

Karen Ritchie '97 was named vice president of hospice at the Visiting

Nurse Association of the Treasure Coast in Vero Beach, FL.

2000s

Rosalia Lombardi Podolak '02 appeared on *The Nate Berkus Show* on behalf of the nonprofit organization she founded in 2008. The organization, iWannaHelp.net, connects people in need with people that want to make a difference in the lives of others.

Best wishes to **Paige Napoli-Carbone '02** and her husband, Michael, on the birth of their daughter, Molly.

Cesar W. Caro Jr. '04 is a board member and soccer commissioner for the All Faith Soccer League. He began coaching in 2005 and recently served as a confirmation sponsor for one of his players.

Best wishes to **Valerie Giaccone-Taylor '05** and her husband, Thomas, on the birth of their second son, Liam. The couple's older son, Thomas, is 5. Valerie received a master's in English

and creative writing from Hofstra University in 2008.

Congratulations to **James Berberich '06** and **Joanna Vitale Berberich '08**, who were recently married. Joanna received a master's degree from Stony Brook University and is a pre-kindergarten teacher for Family Service League Preschool in Huntington. James received a master's in literacy from Long Island University. The couple lives in Patchogue.

Kelly J. Fechter '06 received an M.B.A. in Health Care Management from SJC in May.

Joseph Macellaro '07 was appointed board member at large of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association, Long Island Chapter.

Congratulations to **Peter Ragan '05** and **Alison Haun '06**, who were recently engaged. Peter and Alison met at St. Joseph's. They will marry in 2012.

In Memoriam Alumni

Evelyn McCausland Lindahi '37
Ruth Milde Phelan '39
S. Mary Cord Tymann '39
Rita Nesfill Zegers '42
Joan Kennelly O'Connell '46
Kathryn Hyland Hoffman '47
Muriel Patricia McGowan '47
Gertrude Shea '50
Elaine Siwec Beckwith '69
Nancy Vitale '74
Claire E. Thomas Cascio '03

Friends and Family

Stanley B. Frenze, husband of Nancy Frenze Walker '51
Thomas Ilijic, husband of Helen Ilijic '59
Philip Mulholland, husband of Marita (Teen) Ryan Mulholland '55
Kazmir Nawojchik, husband of Anne Rettig Nawojchik '50
Dorothy Ryan, sister of S. Joan Ryan '53, assistant professor, L.I. Campus
Cecilia Siwec, mother of Elaine Siwec Beckwith '69 ■

Memorial Mass

The St. Joseph's College Alumni Association will celebrate
our annual Memorial Mass for deceased alumni, faculty
and friends of St. Joseph's.

Memorial Mass
Kennedy Chapel, Burns Hall
245 Clinton Avenue

Saturday, November 12, 2011

11 a.m., followed by lunch in the Parlors

RSVP by November 4 at 718.940.5585.

You can also email your response to Brooklyn Assistant Director
of Alumni Relations Lisa Trinidad at ltrinidad@sjcny.edu.

Wishing you strength, peace and good health in your daily life.



ALUMNI FALL LUNCHEON

'21' Club

21 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

Honoring

S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., '55

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Cocktails — noon

Luncheon — 1 p.m.

Chair

Marianne Traviglia Ferrara '69

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Alumni Spring Reunion

Held on April



Photos by Robert Amsler

Class of 1946
(65th anniversary)



The University Club's
main dining room



Class of 1986
(25th anniversary)



Luncheon

30, 2011



The Class of 1961's 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee

Director of Alumni Relations and Stewardship Matthew Colson '02; Cheryl A. Felice '03, E.M.B.A. '08; Provost S. Loretta McGrann, C.S.J.; and President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. '64



Class of 1956 (55th anniversary)



Class of 1971
(40th anniversary)



Class of 1966 (45th anniversary)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Fall 2011

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SEPTEMBER

through 30 **Art Exhibit — Past, Present, Future**
Artist Jason Paradis, SJC fine arts department
Board Room Gallery, L.I. Campus

23 **L.I. Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**
7 p.m., John A. Danzi Athletic Center,
L.I. Campus

24 **Mind, Body, Soul Wellness Series**
\$10-\$15 - varies by class; reservations required
through the Office of Alumni Relations
L.I. Campus

24 **A Day at the Races Luncheon**
Noon, \$45
Belmont Park, Elmont

29 **Fiscally Fit Series Workshop No. 1**
"Getting Fiscally Fit" — Craig J. Ferrantino
6 p.m., McEntegart Hall Library,
Brooklyn Campus

30 – Oct. 16 **Baggage by Sam Bobbrick**
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 — 8 p.m.
Oct. 2, 9, 16 — 3 p.m.
Clare Rose Playhouse,
L.I. Campus

OCTOBER

3 – 27 **Art Exhibit — Indonesian Shadow Puppets**
From the private collection of Tamara Fielding,
Shadow Puppet Theater of Java
Board Room Gallery, L.I. Campus

12 **Eighth Annual Presidential Lecture**
"The Politics of Truth" — Joseph C. Wilson IV,
former U.S. Ambassador
12:30 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium,
Brooklyn Campus
7:30 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, L.I. Campus

13 **Alumni Wine Tasting**
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Brooklyn Winery, Williamsburg

17 **Founders Day Lecture**
Richard Greenwald, Ph.D., Brooklyn academic
dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
4:30 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium,
Brooklyn Campus

20 **Fiscally Fit Series Workshop No. 2**
"Home Ownership 101" — David Bailey
6 p.m., student lounge, Tuohy Hall,
Brooklyn Campus

21 **Hypnotist Tom Deluca**
\$3 students and alumni; \$5 general admittance
8 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, L.I. Campus

22 **Alumni Fall Luncheon**
Noon, \$85
'21' Club, 21 West 52nd Street, Manhattan

27 **"Half the Sky" — journalist and author Sheryl WuDunn**
Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life
8 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, L.I. Campus

NOVEMBER

3 **29th Annual Scholarship Gala**
Honoring SJC Trustee Erminia Rivera and
alumna Cheryl A. Felice '03, E.M.B.A. '08
7 p.m., Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

4 – 20 *God of Carnage* by Yasmina Reza

Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 — 8 p.m.;

Nov. 6, 13, 20 — 3 p.m.

Clare Rose Playhouse,

L.I. Campus

5 *A Taste of NYC in the Fall*

Alumni Cooking Course, 1 p.m.

MOPAC, Brooklyn

**7 –
Dec. 9 *Art Exhibit — Graphite Drawings
by Dan Gilhooley and
Patricia Mamatos***

Board Room Gallery,

L.I. Campus

**11 *Alumni Night — Chapel Players
presents Gypsy***

7 p.m., alumni reception,

8 p.m., performance, \$5 for alumni

Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn Campus

DECEMBER

2 *Alumni Night — Dance Club*

7 p.m., reception; 8 p.m., performance

Tuohy Hall Auditorium,

Brooklyn Campus

3 – 4 *Winnie the Pooh Christmas Musical*

11 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 3 p.m.; all ticket \$7

Clare Rose Playhouse, L.I. Campus

**9 *Home for the Holidays —
A Christmas Celebration***

6 p.m., the Parlors, Burns Hall,

Brooklyn Campus

**10 *Home for the Holidays —
Breakfast with Santa***

10 a.m., \$7, John A. Danzi Athletic Center,

L.I. Campus

10 *East vs. West Game*

Long Island vs. Brooklyn, 3 p.m.

Brooklyn Technical High School, Brooklyn

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Turkey

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It's Never Too Early to

Many St. Joseph's College Class of 2011 graduates pled senior class drive. The class designated their gifts to the

ged to donate \$11 for each of the next three years during the S. Margaret Buckley Scholarship Fund. These are their stories.

Santia Thermozier '11

Gift: \$11

Campus: Brooklyn

Major: biology

Activities: Phonathon; Science Club treasurer; Hispanic Awareness Club treasurer; Desi Student Association co-president; Student Alumni Association member; orientation leader



Why I pledged: "I've worked the Phonathon every year, and it's a good way to give back. It's important to pledge because students who don't have an opportunity for financial aid and underprivileged students are given an opportunity to learn."

Khaing Win '11

Gift: \$11

Campus: Brooklyn

Major: chemistry and biology

Activities: currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of Pennsylvania; SJC Class of 2011 Brooklyn Campus valedictorian; orientation leader for three years; co-president of Science Club; co-chair of honors program of academic events; member of the Desi Student Association, Dance Club and Globe Spotters; Jazz Club member as an SJC freshman



Why I pledged: "After completing high school, I was in a financial crisis. I thought I wouldn't be able to go to a private college. St. Joseph's had many different contributions for my education. It's a good thing to give back to make sure other incoming students can make an easier transition and find success in college."

Christian Branch '11

Gift: \$11

Campus: Brooklyn

Major: speech (communication studies)

Activities: member of Chapel Players, Choral Society, Campus Ministry and Outreach and Dance Clubs; Beta Psi Alpha fraternity and a former Campus Activities Board member



Why I pledged: "I want future SJC students to be able to enjoy the college experience. A true education is not only in the classroom, but a combination of the classroom with cocurricular programs. With any scholarship money or aid, it alleviates the money burden on their parents and lets them focus on having that experience."

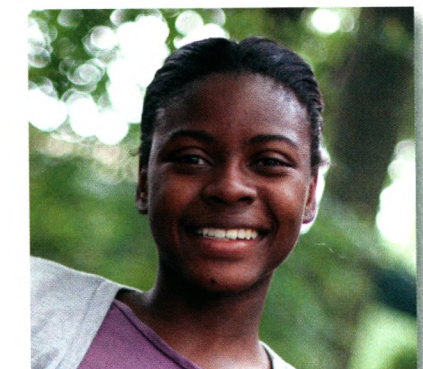
Dashana Payne '11

Gift: \$11

Campus: Brooklyn

Major: human relations

Activities: member of the cross-country and swimming teams; treasurer of the Recreation Club; vice president of the Student Ambassadors Club; senior class representative



Why I pledged: "It was important because I received so much from St. Joseph's and I wanted to give back so someone else could receive the same. Activity-wise there is so much to do. You can never just be in school. There was always something to do after. I would hope the pledge would help someone who can't afford school. The scholarship and the grants I received helped a lot."

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